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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of G. Searfoss III, M. Pagnoni,
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Variants of TRAF2 Which Act as an
Inhibitor of TNF-alpha (TNF α) Signaling Pathway

(Attorney Docket No. P22,816-A USA)

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month (1) month extension of time, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to respond to the Office Action, dated December 20, 2004, from March 20, 2005 to April 20, 2005.

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